

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 11-12, and 47 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-7 and presently stand rejected. Claims 11-12 presently stand as being objected to, but are otherwise allowable. Claim 47 is new. Claims 8, 9, 10, and 13-46 are canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to include subject matter from claim 10 and intervening claims 8 and 9. Because the Office Action indicated that claim 10 would be allowable if amended to incorporate the limitations of the base and intervening claims, claim 10 is allowable. Claim 47 is a system claim that is similar to claim 1, and is thus allowable for at least the reasons by which claim 1 is allowable. No new matter has been added by the amendments. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants interviewed the Examiner regarding the claims on November 12, 2007. Claims 1, 4, 8, 9, and 10 were discussed with respect to the asserted Witkowski reference. Proposed amendments were made and argument was presented. No agreement was reached on the non-allowable claims.

CONCLUSION

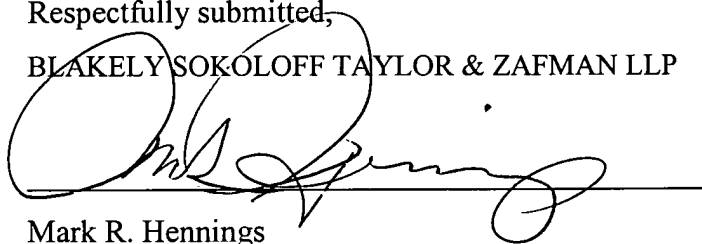
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe the applicable rejections have been overcome and all claims remaining in the application are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at (206) 292-8600 if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Date: 12/06/07

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mark R. Hennings', is written over a horizontal line.

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